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For: **A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1-13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sweetening composition comprising:
- a) at least one [not very] soluble compound with a solubility in water of less than 60 g to 100 g of solution at 20 °C, [chosen] selected from the group consisting of sugars, polyols and a mixture of sugars and polyols [individually or as a mixture thereof]; and
 - b) at least one anti-crystallising agent comprising a fraction of at least one of oligosaccharide [or] and polysaccharide [chosen] selected from the group consisting of starch hydrolysates with a molecular weight in the range of about 500 to about 8000 Daltons and having a glass transition temperature of less than 140 °C at a water content of 0% and pyrodextrins, polyglucoses and a mixture of pyrodextrins and polyglucoses with a molecular weight in the range of about 1000 to about 8000 Daltons [individually or as a mixture thereof].